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SUBJECT: VISIT OF IDC AND CSSL REPS

USGS FOR RALPH MILLER/OIG AND ALLEN CLARK/ORA

1. J.L. BOSCH, ASSISTANT MANAGER, MINERALS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND T.C. MCGIDDY, TECHNICAL CONSULTANT, COMPUTER SCIENCES SIGMA (PTY) LTD, SOUTH AFRICA, PLAN US VISIT DURING SEPTEMBER 26-OCTOBER 22. AS OUTLINED TO ALLEN CLARK DURING CLARK'S JUNE/JULY JOHANNESBURG VISIT, BOSCH AND MCGIDDY DESIRE DISCUSS IN DEPTH WITH USGS (AND OTHER) SPECIALISTS COMPUTER APPLICATIONS TO GEOLOGICAL PROBLEMS -- SPECIFICALLY AS TO COMPUTER TECHNIQUES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE COAL MINING EFFICIENCY, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO SIMULATION MODELS. THEY WILL ALSO ATTEND RELATED PENN STATE SYMPOSIUM DURING PERIOD CITED ABOVE.

2. PROPOSED ITINERARY CALLS FOR WASHINGTON AREA ARRIVAL SUNDAY SEPT 26; HOPEFULLY TO MEET WITH CLARK AND OTHER APPROPRIATE USGS OFFICERS AT RESTON SEPT 27-29. BOSCH AND MCGIDDY WILL ATTEND PENN STATE SYMPOSIUM OCT 1-13, AND LOOK TOWARD MEETING WITH COMPUTER ORIENTED INDUSTRY (AND OTHER) REPS AND ADDITIONAL MEETINGS WITH USGS PERSONNEL (IF REQUIRED) DURING OCTOBER 14-22 PERIOD.

3. USGS ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING SUITABLE MEETINGS AT RESTON DURING SEPT 27-29 WILL BE APPRECIATED. IT IS HOPED, ALSO,
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THAT DISCUSSIONS HELD AT THAT TIME MAY DEVELOP AREAS IN WHICH

USGS MAY FURTHER HELP IDC/CSSL REPS IN REGARD TO POST-SYMPOSIUM MEETINGS WITH INDUSTRY, UNIVERSITY AND/OR MINE SPECIALISTS ABLE AND WILLING TO TRADE IDEAS ON COMPUTER PROGRAMMING, UTILIZATION AND SIMULATION TECHNIQUES.

4. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF ABOVE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE AND COUNSELLING MEETS WITH USGS APPROVAL AND IF PROPOSED TIMING APPEARS WORKABLE. WE WILL RE-CONFIRM BOSCH/MCGIDDY ETA AND OTHER TRAVEL DETAILS FOLLOWING YOUR REPLY.
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